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Applicant: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634  
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Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY OF  
DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement mailed August 9, 2002 (2 pages);
2. Petition for Automatic Extension of Time (2 pages);
3. Check No.: 529172 in the amount of \$985.00
4. Return Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>January 31, 2003</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
Cara Grifone (Name of Person Mailing Paper)	
Cara Grifone (Signature)	January 31, 2003 (Date)

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 9, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Claims 1-4 and 25-29, drawn to an amplification probe, reagent and kit comprising said amplification probe.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

A check in the amount of \$985.00 is enclosed for a Five Month Petition for Automatic Extension fee. If any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1355.

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